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President's Point of View, by Steve Ficalora

LIHR President's Message

October 2021



What a great turnout we had yesterday for the annual LIHR Poker run to support our Veteran's ride in November. I was very pleased to see many of our regulars as well as a few long-time members and former officers who showed up to support the cause. Congratulations to all the winners! John Hachmann took home the first-place wall-hanging prize with 3 aces. Kathryn Efthimiades took home the second place \$50 Harley Davidson Gift Card, and Chris Armata took home the third place HD Clock. Winning the LIHR gift bag for worst hand was Ron Prwivo. As Joe mentioned following the announcement of the of the poker run winners, we raised approximately \$1,500 to fund the purchase of much needed items for our veterans. I hope to see everyone on the November 7th ride to the Veteran's place when we will drop off the LIHR donation. I also want to congratulate and thank Jeff Grube for stepping in to volunteer as LIHR Vice President. THANK YOU ALL!

As September comes to a close and we head into October, we have one more overnight ride up to the Berkshires leaving this Friday, October first. As we also mentioned during the meeting, we are planning a return to having Octoberfest at the VFW hall during the October meeting on 10/24. If you would like to make or bring a dish please reach out to Lynne. The October meeting is also when we will be accepting nominations for all of the board positions: President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer. Nominees must have served as a discretionary officer / Road Captain for at least one year and be a member in good standing. Only nominations will be held in October, the voting will take place during November's meeting on 11/28. You must be an AMA member to vote. You can join here: <https://americanmotorcyclist.com/join-the-ama/>

As the temperature changes, we need to be mindful of the challenges we face heading into the Fall riding season. I also want to thank Manny for the impromptu discussion and "modeling" of his air-bag vest. \$800 may seem like a steep price, but not when we're talking about saving a life. Now is also a good time to review all of your gear. Do you need a new helmet or fall/winter jacket or gloves? Please make sure to wear appropriate riding gear when you're out with or without the club, and make sure to review this month's the Safety corner for additional information on steps you can take to keep safe on the road this Fall.

Stay safe, and find a new road!

Steve



September Meeting



We had a great turnout for our September meeting and annual Poker Run. It was good to see some old friends! We welcomed our new VP as Jeff Grube has volunteered to take the role for the remainder of the year. We have one more overnighter planned for October 1st thru October 3rd to Mount Greylock with day trips to Bennington and Ronnie's Harley. HRC Sal is looking for ideas from our members. Some of those include Cape May, Ocean City and the Flat track races. Coming up this October we have a Fall Foliage ride to Putnam on October 10th and a Windmill Tour of LI on October 17th! Remember to look for ride info and KSU on the weekly emails and the website.

Nominations for the board are this October with elections at the November meeting. Please remember you have to be an AMA member to vote and have been a discretionary officer or RC to run. Our annual membership also kicks off next meeting and again there will be a discount to register early! This year an anonymous survey will be included through emails and a Rider Profile where members will have to show proof of insurance and NYS motorcycle license. You can renew at the meeting or through the website. Our Christmas Party is all set for December 4th at the VFW Hall, ticket prices will be coming soon. There will be a cash bar. October meeting has the return of our annual Octoberfest so we are looking for members to cook their favorite German food or dessert and let Lynne know what you can bring. Our annual Sagamore Ride is planned for November 28th with a rain date December 12th and we are hoping to be able to see the children up close and personal! The Barrel Top raffle money raised will go towards a memorial bench in the Memory Garden at Sagamore.

Steve discussed Fall safety riding tips including proper tire pressure, the dangers of wet leaves and sun glare. Cooler temperatures bring Frost and black ice and the importance of proper dress. Manny demonstrated his new Airbag vest which will protect a riders spine and neck if suddenly ejected off the bike. It inflates by a CO2 cartridge and is reusable. The model Manny had was \$800 but there are lesser priced models and if it saves your life it is worth every penny.

Our 50/50 winners this month were 1st prize Deidre (Me!) and John Hachmann who generously donated his winnings to the Veterans Home! Our Barrel Top winner was LOH Annette Greco!



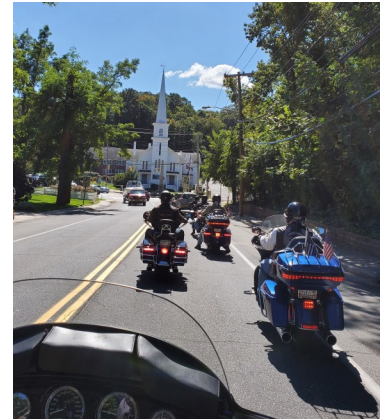
50/50 Winners



Poker Run 2021



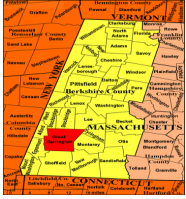
Our annual Poker Run was another great success. Mother Nature was on our side with sunny skies and cool temperatures! The route was planned by our new VP Jeff Grube and took our members to Kings Park, Asharoken Beach and Mill Dam Park in Huntington with a return trip to the VFW Hall for a delicious hero and salads. A good time was had by all! We raised over \$1500 to benefit the Veterans Place in Yaphank. The facility requested our donations purchase bedding, towels, pillows for the veterans they assist. Our best hand winner was John Hachmann with the beautiful hand made wall hanging, second place went to Kathy Efthimiades \$50 HD gift card, third place to Chris Armata HD wall clock and worst hand went to Ron Prwivo a HD gift bag. A big thank you to our VP Jeff Grube who gave a check for \$500 to take our donation to \$1500. We will visit the facility on November 7th .



Poker Run 2021.....

WINNERS!!!!

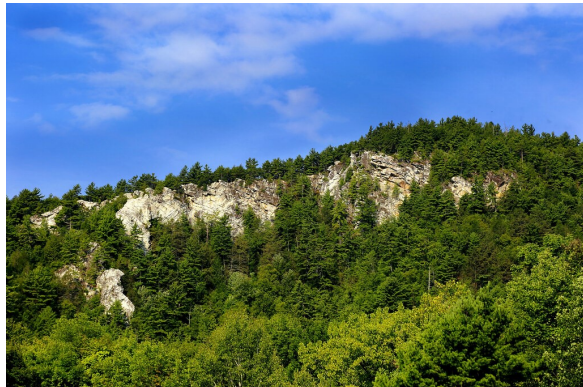




Great Barrington Brewery September 5, 2021



Despite a less than stellar weather forecast on Sunday, 9/5/21, RC Jeff, 11 bikes and 14 riders ventured up to Great Barrington MA. The first couple of hours were dry and we had a good ride up the Taconic Parkway but by our first stop we started to encounter light rain. The weather wasn't much of an issue getting up to Great Barrington and we got to the Barrington Brewery on time with everyone gassed up for the return trip. The restaurant did a great job providing us with two servers and got us out of there in about 45 minutes. Everyone seemed to have enjoyed their lunch and the great service. The roads on the return trip to Bridgeport were much more rural than the trip going up and we enjoyed some real nice roads heading south. About half way through the return ride the rain intensity picked up a bit at which time we decided to abandon the route and head direct to the ferry. It's always unfortunate to not complete a nice route but we wanted to keep everyone safe. We arrived in plenty of time for the ferry and everyone appeared to enjoy the ride in spite of the mostly light rain that we encountered.





State Line Pizza Canaan CT



September 12, 2021

Sunday, 9/12/21, RC Jeff filled in for Gary who put together a great ride up to State Line Pizza in Canaan CT. We had 6 bikes and 6 riders and enjoyed a real nice weather day for riding. Gary's route took us up Route 22 in NY then northeast into CT with a brief loop into southern MA before riding back into northern CT for lunch. State Line Pizza did a nice job for us and we arrived early which got us in and out quickly. The return trip back through CT was very enjoyable with some great vistas along the way. We eventually worked our way back to Route 22 heading south and then back through NYC. Traffic was a little tough but bearable. The round trip mileage from and to Exit 43 was about 276 miles. Kudos to Gary for putting together a great ride.

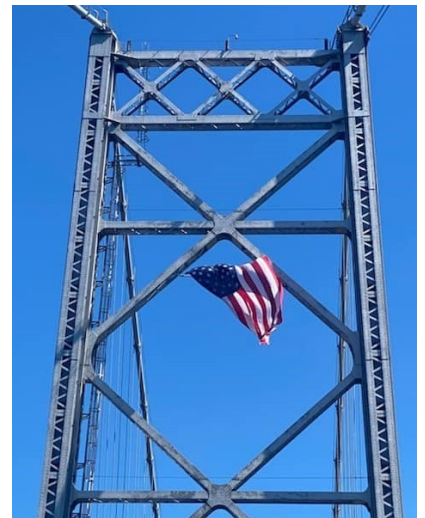




Newburgh NY September 19, 2021



Frank led 8 bikes and 9 members to Newburgh NY. The trip covered 175 miles. The ride up was half highway and half back roads. A delicious lunch was enjoyed at Billy Joe barbecue, where we enjoyed ribs and a view.. Our members enjoyed a scenic route back to the ferry to end the day. Big thanks to Frank for organizing the ride.



OCTOBER SAFETY ARTICLE

By Steve Ficalora



LIHR Safety Corner

As we leave the summer months behind and the temperatures start to drop, the Fall riding season presents a number of different challenges. Listed below are a few of the items we need to keep in mind while out enjoying our "Wind Therapy" this Fall:

Wet Leaves - These can be extremely treacherous, and are as bad as hitting a patch of ice. As we are riding, there may be dampness under every grouping of leaves even if it hasn't rained in a while, especially on back roads that may not get an abundance of sunlight.

Black Ice - As the temperatures overnight start to drop, these small patches of ice can form on the roadway and not thaw out right away even though the morning temperatures may be well above freezing. These can appear to be just dark patches or puddles and can get you into a world of trouble quickly. If you're heading out early on a fall day, learn to recognize these spots and avoid them.

Sunlight - As the Earth's angle to the sun changes, the early morning and late afternoon sunlight can be blinding. Keep in mind that even if you are not riding into the sun the motorists coming the other way may be having difficulty with this, which means they may have difficulty seeing you also. Make sure to have appropriate eye protection with you.

Dressing in Layers - The Fall is when you'll find a number of different jackets, shirts and sweat-shirts in my tour pack, as well as heated gear and toe warmer packets towards the latter part of the season. As we head out on an early fall morning, we may need more clothing to keep us comfortable and less as the day progresses towards the afternoon, then needing more as the day comes to a close. It is important to keep yourself comfortable. If we get too cold, we'll be thinking more about that and less about our riding technique and the road hazards ahead. Make sure you are prepared for a full day's riding before swinging your leg over the bike.

Safety in Numbers - Many motorcyclists on Long Island do not ride deep into the fall and winter seasons as we do. With less of us on the road, drivers will be less likely to expect seeing a bike on the road. Keep this in mind if you are out on a solo ride, and ride with a friend or two if possible.

Below are a few links to learn more about these and other safety hazards we face during the Fall riding season.

<https://blog.touratech-usa.com/2017/10/17/10-fall-motorcycle-riding-tips-safe-touring-in-autumn/>

<https://ultimatemotorcycling.com/2018/09/20/september-begins-fall-color-motorcycle-rides-unique-hazards/>

MEMBERS SURVEY



"The L.I.H.R. Rider survey was sent out the weekend of October 2nd-3rd. Everyone should have received an email with a unique one-time link for each LIHR member. Please make every effort to complete this anonymous survey and make your voice heard."





For a complete list of Charter Events and the latest information, visit www.LIHarleyRiders.com for details.

October 2021

October Birthday's

John Hochmann 10/2
 Joe Giacalone 10/3
 Janet Pepper 10/4
 Dominick Mazza 10/20
 Frank Luciano 10/24
 Ken McKay 10/28
 Jack Scalia 10/29
 Ralph Norton 10/30

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 Overnighter to Berkshires	2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10 Off Island Ride Fall Foliage Ride	11	12	13	14	15	16
17 LI Windmill Tour	18	19	20	21	22	23
24 Monthly Meeting Octoberfest	25	26	27	28	29	30
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Upcoming Events

Octoberfest 10/24
 Veterans Ride 11/7/21
 Sagamore Childrens Ride 11/28 Raindate 12/12
 Holiday Party 12/4



Charter rides that begin and terminate on Long Island are officially over when the destination is reached. If a Charter Ride leaves Long Island, the ride will officially end upon returning to Long Island. Official charter rides are "dry" rides, no alcohol. Helmets are required on all club rides.

Check your email, our website or facebook for last minute changes. Full tank of gas and empty bladder required for all Rides

Upcoming Rides

Berkshire overnighter 10/1-10/3

10/10 RC Jeff off island Fall Foliage Ride Putnam County KSU 9am exit 43 (No return Ferry)

10/17 RC Steve LI Windmill Ride KSU TBD Exit 56 *check email for more info

10/24 Monthly Meeting/Local Ride

10/31 TBD



Remember to check the Hotline at (631)406-4170 1 1/2 hrs before KSU to hear updates and cancellations



2021 Overnighters

We are all done with the 2021 Overnighters - 2022 here we come!

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Head Road Captain: Sal Fino

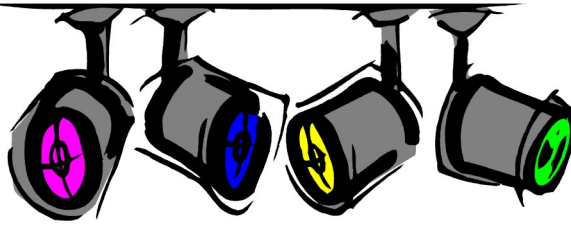
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